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## **SECOND DEFENDANT SENTENCED FOR MANUFACTURING METH**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Sturgeon, Mo., man was sentenced today for conspiring to manufacture methamphetamine at his residence.

**Ronald Jay Riley**, 38, of Sturgeon, Mo., was sentenced this morning by U.S. District Judge Nanette E. Laughrey to five years and 10 months in prison without parole.

On August 16, 2002, **Riley** pleaded guilty to a conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine in Boone County, beginning from an unknown date and lasting until June 30, 2001. **Riley** was indicted by a federal grand jury on December 14, 2001.

On June 30, 2001, the Boone County Sheriff's Department executed a state narcotics search warrant at **Riley's** residence in Sturgeon, Mo. During the search, Graves said, officers found methamphetamine, as well as hardware and precursor materials associated with methamphetamine production, and cash.

A co-defendant, **William Clarence Lindsay**, 38, of Louisiana, Mo., was sentenced on December 13, 2002, to two years and six months years in prison without parole.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Mid-Missouri Unified Strike Team and Narcotics Group (MUSTANG), the Boone County Sheriff's Department, the Columbia and Hallsville police departments, and the Hazmat Methamphetamine Response Team of the Boone County Fire Protection District.

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